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prevailing. The above-mentioned order was recalled in July, as there was no further evidence of disease among the pigs. The consul further writes that there was nothing suspicious of bubonic plague in the disease which killed the few pigs.

Respectfully, D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *October 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Two steamships have been inspected and cleared, both for New Orleans—the *Jno. Wilson*, with 8 passengers and 7 pieces of baggage, and the *Condor*, with 4 passengers and 12 pieces of baggage. All baggage was disinfected under my supervision, and proper certificates given to passengers and masters of the ships.

There were no deaths reported in Bluefields for the week ended October 14.

The sanitary condition of this port and adjacent territory continues good.

Respectfully, D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Maritime quarantine at Manila, Iloilo, and Cebu during August, 1900.

MANILA, P. I., *September 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of quarantine transactions for the month of August, 1900, as follows:

Manila.

Bills of health issued—	
To foreign ports	34
To domestic ports	121
Number of vessels inspected—	
To foreign ports	2
From foreign ports	55
From domestic ports	119
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin	836
Steerage	3,462
Total number crew inspected	7,041
Total number persons quarantined for observation	16
Total number pieces of baggage disinfected	670
Total number pieces of baggage inspected and passed	473

Iloilo.

Bills of health issued—	
To foreign ports	9
To domestic ports	62
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports	7
From domestic ports	41
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin	73
Steerage	1,199
Total number crew inspected	1,664

Cebu.

Bills of health issued—	
To foreign ports	0
To domestic ports	301
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports	8
From domestic ports	167
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin	108
Steerage	1,154
Total number of crew inspected	3,465

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague in Manila September 9 to 15.

MANILA, P. I., *September 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended September 15, 1900, there occurred only 1 case of plague in Manila, the victim being a Chinese. Total number of deaths from all causes during the same time, 256.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report on the high mortality on the island.

PONCE, P. R., *October 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report upon the causes of the abnormally high death rate in the municipality of Ponce, P. R., during the past year.

In getting data for this report, I have been assisted in all possible ways by the authorities and the physicians of Ponce, and in the Hospital Tricoche and the Hospital Civil, I have had access to all cases through the kindness of the doctors in charge. The accompanying table was taken from the reports made to the municipal judge. The reports are so inaccurate in diagnosis that complete definite mortality statistics can not be compiled from them, but the table is sufficient for my purposes.

The municipality of Ponce includes the city proper, the playa, and the outlying districts, called "barrios," extending several hours ride from the city. Its total population as shown in the United States census is 33,477, of whom about half live in and close around the city and suburbs. About 40 per cent of the deaths occur in the outside districts, and these cases are seldom seen by a physician. The remaining 60 per cent do not properly represent the city's proportion, as large, numbers, which it is impossible to estimate, come in on their last legs and die in the city. They come not only from this municipality, but from every nook and corner of the island. Ponce has the unfortunate name of being charitable on account of her several hospitals and charity organizations. It was the first on the island to do private sys-